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Another Successful Rare-Plant-A-Thon!

Over the weekend of July 13 and 14, forty-seven volunteers joined park staff to participate in our fourth Point Reyes "Rare-Plant-A-Thon". Our volunteers had a wide diversity of experience and included Americorp volunteers, members of the GGNRA Habitat Restoration Team, university professors, and even a nine year old "junior botanist." Aside from simply enjoying the Seashore, our volunteers accomplished quite a bit over the course of the weekend. Here are some of the highlights:

* 10 unrecorded rare plant populations were located and documented! A few of these were new documented occurrences of two recent additions to the Seashore - the endangered Robust Spineflower (*Chorizanthe robusta*) and the Coast morning glory (*Calystegia purpurata* ssp *saxicola*).

* One population of the Endangered Tidestrom's lupine (*Lupinus tidestromii*) was censused and mapped.

* Two known rare plant population's boundaries were extended beyond their originally mapped area.

Once again, the "Rare-Plant-A-Thon" has demonstrated that you can't walk far in Point Reyes without encountering some sort of rare plant species! A heartfelt thank you to all those who gave their time and expertise to help Point Reyes.